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To amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2008

Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 22, 2008

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, with an amendment

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**A BILL**

To amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to  
authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Runaway and Home-  
5       less Youth Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Section 302 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 5701) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and  
5 (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(3) services to such young people should be de-  
9 veloped and provided using a positive youth develop-  
10 ment approach that ensures a young person a sense  
11 of—

12 “(A) safety and structure;

13 “(B) belonging and membership;

14 “(C) self-worth and social contribution;

15 “(D) independence and control over one’s  
16 life; and

17 “(E) closeness in interpersonal relation-  
18 ships.”

19 **SEC. 3. BASIC CENTER PROGRAM.**

20 (a) SERVICES PROVIDED.—Section 311 of the Run-  
21 away and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5711) is  
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking clause  
24 (i) and inserting the following:

25 “(i) safe and appropriate shelter pro-  
26 vided for not to exceed 21 days; and”; and

1           (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

2                   (A) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting  
3           “\$200,000”;

4                   (B) by striking “\$45,000” and inserting  
5           “\$70,000”; and

6                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

7           “Whenever the Secretary determines that any  
8           part of the amount allotted under paragraph  
9           (1) to a State for a fiscal year will not be obli-  
10          gated before the end of the fiscal year, the Sec-  
11          retary shall realloot such part to the remaining  
12          States for obligation for the fiscal year.”.

13          (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 312(b) of the Runaway  
14          and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5712(b)) is amend-  
15          ed—

16                   (1) in paragraph (11) by striking “and” at the  
17          end;

18                   (2) in paragraph (12) by striking the period  
19          and inserting “; and”; and

20                   (3) by adding at the end the following:

21           “(13) shall develop an adequate emergency pre-  
22          paredness and management plan.”.

1 **SEC. 4. TRANSITIONAL LIVING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 322(a) of the Runaway  
3 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–2(a)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “indirectly” and inserting  
7 “by contract”; and

8 (B) by striking “services” the first place it  
9 appears and inserting “provide, directly or indi-  
10 rectly, services,”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “a continuous  
12 period not to exceed 540 days, except that” and all  
13 that follows and inserting the following: “a contin-  
14 uous period not to exceed 635 days, except that a  
15 youth in a program under this part who has not  
16 reached 18 years of age on the last day of the 635-  
17 day period may, if otherwise qualified for the pro-  
18 gram, remain in the program until the earlier of the  
19 youth’s 18th birthday or the 180th day after the end  
20 of the 635-day period,”;

21 (3) in paragraph (14), by striking “and” at the  
22 end;

23 (4) in paragraph (15), by striking the period  
24 and inserting “; and”; and

25 (5) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(16) to develop an adequate emergency pre-  
 2 paredness and management plan.”.

3 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH EVALUATION, DEM-**  
 4 **ONSTRATION, AND SERVICE PROJECTS.**

5 Section 343 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act  
 6 (42 U.S.C. 5714–23) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 9 by striking “give special consideration to” and  
 10 inserting “prioritize”;

11 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
 12 through (9) as paragraphs (3) through (10), re-  
 13 spectively; and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
 15 following:

16 “(2) positive youth development service delivery  
 17 methods; providing links to community services; pro-  
 18 moting mental and physical health development; ena-  
 19 bling youth to obtain and maintain housing after  
 20 program completion; and developing self-sufficiency  
 21 competencies;”

22 (2) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by inserting “for eligibility and selec-  
 24 tion” after “priority”;

1 (B) by striking “shall give” and inserting  
 2 the following: “shall—”

3 “(A) give”;

4 (C) by striking the period and inserting “;  
 5 and”; and

6 (D) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(B) ensure that the applicants selected—

8 “(i) are geographically representative of re-  
 9 gions of the United States; and

10 “(ii) carry out projects that serve diverse  
 11 populations of homeless youth.”.

12 **SEC. 6. COORDINATING, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND OTHER**  
 13 **ACTIVITIES.**

14 Part D of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42  
 15 U.S.C. 5714–21 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
 16 the following:

17 **“SEC. 345. PERIODIC ESTIMATE OF INCIDENCE AND PREVA-**  
 18 **LENCE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

19 “(a) PERIODIC ESTIMATE.—Not later than 2 years  
 20 after the date of enactment of the Runaway and Homeless  
 21 Youth Protection Act, and at 5-year intervals thereafter,  
 22 the Secretary shall prepare, and submit to the Speaker  
 23 of the House of Representatives and the President pro  
 24 tempore of the Senate, a written report that—

1           “(1) contains an estimate, obtained by using  
 2           the best quantitative and qualitative social science  
 3           research methods available, of the incidence and  
 4           prevalence of runaway and homeless individuals who  
 5           are not less than 13 years of age but less than 26  
 6           years of age; and

7           “(2) includes with such estimate an assessment  
 8           of the characteristics of such individuals.

9           “(b) CONTENT.—Each assessment required by sub-  
 10          section (a) shall include—

11           “(1) the results of conducting a survey of, and  
 12           direct interviews with, a representative sample of  
 13           runaway and homeless individuals who are not less  
 14           than 13 years of age but less than 26 years of age  
 15           to determine past and current—

16           “(A) socioeconomic characteristics of such  
 17           individuals; and

18           “(B) barriers to such individuals obtain-  
 19           ing—

20           “(i) safe, quality, and affordable hous-  
 21           ing;

22           “(ii) comprehensive and affordable  
 23           health insurance and health services; and

1                   “(iii) incomes, public benefits, sup-  
 2                   portive services, and connections to caring  
 3                   adults; and

4                   “(2) such other information as the Secretary  
 5                   determines, in consultation with States, units of  
 6                   local government, and national nongovernmental or-  
 7                   ganizations concerned with homelessness, may be  
 8                   useful.

9                   “(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary enters into  
 10                  any agreement with a non-Federal entity for purposes of  
 11                  carrying out subsection (a), such entity shall be a non-  
 12                  governmental organization, or an individual, determined  
 13                  by the Secretary to have appropriate expertise in quan-  
 14                  titative and qualitative social science research.”.

15       **SEC. 7. SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

16                  Section 351(b) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
 17                  Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–41(b)) is amended by inserting  
 18                  “public and” after “priority to”.

19       **SEC. 8. NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS CAM-**  
 20                       **PAIGN.**

21                  The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
 22                  5701 et seq.) is amended—

23                       (1) by redesignating part F as part G; and

24                       (2) by inserting after part E the following:

**“PART F—NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH**

**AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

**“SEC. 361. NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS CAM-  
PAIGN.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, directly or through grants or contracts, conduct a national homeless youth awareness campaign (referred to in this section as the ‘national awareness campaign’) in accordance with this section for purposes of—

“(1) increasing awareness of individuals of all ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and geographic locations, of the issues facing runaway and homeless youth (including youth considering running away); and

“(2) encouraging parents and guardians, educators, health care professionals, social service professionals, law enforcement officials, stakeholders, and other community members to assist youth described in paragraph (1) in averting or resolving runaway and homeless situations.

“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this section for the national awareness campaign may only be used for the following:

“(1) Dissemination of educational information and materials through various media, including tele-

1 vision, radio, the Internet and related technologies,  
2 and emerging technologies.

3 “(2) Evaluation of the effectiveness of the ac-  
4 tivities described in paragraphs (1) and (5).

5 “(3) Development of partnerships with national  
6 organizations concerned with youth homelessness,  
7 community-based youth service organizations, in-  
8 cluding faith-based organizations, and Government  
9 organizations to carry out the national awareness  
10 campaign.

11 “(4) Conducting outreach activities to stake-  
12 holders and potential stakeholders in the national  
13 awareness campaign.

14 “(5) In accordance with applicable laws (includ-  
15 ing regulations), development and placement in tele-  
16 communications media (including the Internet and  
17 related technologies, and emerging technologies) of  
18 public service announcements that educate the pub-  
19 lic on—

20 “(A) the issues facing runaway and home-  
21 less youth (including youth considering running  
22 away); and

23 “(B) the opportunities that adults have to  
24 assist youth described in subparagraph (A).

1       “(c) PROHIBITIONS.—None of the amounts made  
2 available to carry out this section may be obligated or ex-  
3 pended for any of the following:

4           “(1) To fund public service time that supplants  
5 pro bono public service time donated by national or  
6 local broadcasting networks, advertising agencies, or  
7 production companies for the national awareness  
8 campaign, or to fund activities that supplant pro  
9 bono work for the national awareness campaign.

10          “(2) To carry out partisan political purposes, or  
11 express advocacy in support of or opposition to any  
12 clearly identified candidate, clearly identified ballot  
13 initiative, or clearly identified legislative or regu-  
14 latory proposal.

15          “(3) To fund advertising that features any  
16 elected official, person seeking elected office, cabinet  
17 level official, or other Federal employee employed  
18 pursuant to section 213.3301 or 213.3302 of title 5,  
19 Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding  
20 similar regulation or ruling).

21          “(4) To fund advertising that does not contain  
22 a primary message intended to educate the public on  
23 the issues and opportunities described in subsection  
24 (b)(5).

1           ~~“(5) To fund advertising that solicits contribu-~~  
 2           ~~tions from both public and private sources to sup-~~  
 3           ~~port the national awareness campaign.~~

4           ~~“(d) FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE ACCOUNT-~~  
 5           ~~ABILITY.—The Secretary shall cause to be performed—~~

6           ~~“(1) audits and examinations of records, relat-~~  
 7           ~~ing to the costs of the national awareness campaign,~~  
 8           ~~pursuant to section 304C of the Federal Property~~  
 9           ~~and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C.~~  
 10          ~~254d); and~~

11          ~~“(2) audits to determine whether the costs of~~  
 12          ~~the national awareness campaign are allowable~~  
 13          ~~under section 306 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 256).~~

14          ~~“(e) REPORT.—The Secretary shall include in each~~  
 15          ~~report submitted under section 382(a) a summary of in-~~  
 16          ~~formation about the national awareness campaign that de-~~  
 17          ~~scribes—~~

18          ~~“(1) the strategy of the national awareness~~  
 19          ~~campaign and whether specific objectives of the cam-~~  
 20          ~~paign were accomplished;~~

21          ~~“(2) steps taken to ensure that the national~~  
 22          ~~awareness campaign operated in an effective and ef-~~  
 23          ~~ficient manner consistent with the overall strategy~~  
 24          ~~and focus of the national awareness campaign; and~~

1           “(3) all grants or contracts entered into with a  
2           corporation, partnership, or individual working on  
3           the national awareness campaign.”.

4   **SEC. 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5           (a) **REPORTS.**—Section 382(a) of the Runaway and  
6 Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5715(a)) is amended by  
7 striking “, and E” and inserting “, E, and F”.

8           (b) **CONSOLIDATED REVIEW.**—Section 385 of the  
9 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5731a) is  
10 amended by striking “, and E” and inserting “, E, and  
11 F”.

12          (c) **EVALUATION AND INFORMATION.**—Section  
13 386(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 5732(a)) is amended by striking “, or E” and in-  
15 serting “, E, or F”.

16   **SEC. 10. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

17          Part G of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 5714a et seq.), as redesignated by section 8, is  
19 amended by inserting after section 386 the following:

20   **“SEC. 386A. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

21          “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE STAND-**  
22 **ARDS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
23 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Protection Act, the  
24 Secretary shall issue rules that specify performance stand-

ards for public and nonprofit private entities that receive grants under sections 311, 321, and 351.

“(b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with representatives of public and nonprofit private entities that receive grants under this title, including statewide and regional nonprofit organizations (including combinations of such organizations) that receive grants under this title, and national nonprofit organizations concerned with youth homelessness, in developing the performance standards required by subsection (a).

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall integrate the performance standards into the processes of the Department of Health and Human Services for grantmaking, monitoring, and evaluation for programs under parts A, B, and E.”.

#### SEC. 11. APPEALS.

Part G of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714a et seq.) as amended by section 10, is further amended by inserting after section 386A the following:

#### “SEC. 386B. APPEALS.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF APPEAL PROCEDURE.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Protection Act, the Secretary shall establish by rule an appeal procedure to enable applicants to obtain timely reviews of the amounts

1 of grants made, and the denials of grants requested, under  
2 this title.

3 “(b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult  
4 with representatives of public and nonprofit private enti-  
5 ties that receive grants under this title, including state-  
6 wide and regional nonprofit organizations (including com-  
7 binations of such organizations) that receive grants under  
8 this title, and national nonprofit organizations concerned  
9 with youth homelessness, in developing the appeal proce-  
10 dure required by subsection (a).”.

11 **SEC. 12. DEFINITIONS.**

12 (a) HOMELESS YOUTH.—Section 387(3) of the Run-  
13 away and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)) is  
14 amended—

15 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
16 by striking “The” and all that follows through  
17 “means” and inserting “The term ‘homeless’, used  
18 with respect to a youth, means”; and

19 (2) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “not  
20 less than 16 years of age” and inserting “not less  
21 than 16 years of age and not more than 21 years  
22 of age, except that nothing in this clause shall pre-  
23 vent a participant who enters the program carried  
24 out under part B prior to reaching 22 years of age

1 from being eligible for the 635-day length of stay  
 2 authorized by section 322(a)(2); and”.

3 (b) ~~RUNAWAY YOUTH.~~—Section 387 of the Runaway  
 4 and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),  
 6 and (7) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), respec-  
 7 tively; and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
 9 lowing:

10 “(4) ~~RUNAWAY YOUTH.~~—The term ‘runaway’,  
 11 used with respect to a youth, means an individual  
 12 who is less than 18 years of age and who absents  
 13 himself or herself from home or a place of legal resi-  
 14 dence without the permission of a parent or legal  
 15 guardian.”.

16 **SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 Section 388(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
 18 Act (42 U.S.C. 5751(a)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) by striking “is authorized” and insert-  
 21 ing “are authorized”;

22 (B) by striking “part E) \$105,000,000 for  
 23 fiscal year 2004” and inserting “parts E and  
 24 F) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2009”; and

1           (C) by striking “2005, 2006, 2007, and  
2           2008” and inserting “2010, 2011, 2012, and  
3           2013”; and

4           (2) in paragraph (4)—

5           (A) by striking “is authorized” and insert-  
6           ing “are authorized”; and

7           (B) by striking “such sums as may be nec-  
8           essary for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
9           and 2008” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for fis-  
10          cal year 2009 and such sums as may be nec-  
11          essary for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, and  
12          2013”; and

13          (3) by adding at the end the following:

14          “(5) PART F.—There is authorized to be appro-  
15          priated to carry out part F \$3,000,000 for fiscal  
16          year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for  
17          fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.”.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19          *This Act may be cited as the “Runaway and Homeless*  
20 *Youth Protection Act”.*

21 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

22          *Section 302 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act*  
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 4           *veloped and provided using a positive youth develop-*  
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 16           *away and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5711) is amend-*  
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18                    (1) *in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking clause (i)*  
 19                    *and inserting the following:*

20                             “(i) *safe and appropriate shelter pro-*  
 21                             *vided for not to exceed 21 days; and”; and*

22                    (2) *in subsection (b)(2)—*

23                             (A) *by striking “\$100,000” and inserting*  
 24                             *“\$200,000”;*

1           (B) by striking “\$45,000” and inserting  
2           “\$70,000”; and

3           (C) by adding at the end the following:  
4           “Whenever the Secretary determines that any  
5           part of the amount allotted under paragraph (1)  
6           to a State for a fiscal year will not be obligated  
7           before the end of the fiscal year, the Secretary  
8           shall reallocate such part to the remaining States  
9           for obligation for the fiscal year.”.

10       (b) *ELIGIBILITY*.—Section 312(b) of the Runaway and  
11       Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5712(b)) is amended—

12           (1) in paragraph (11) by striking “and” at the  
13       end;

14           (2) in paragraph (12) by striking the period and  
15       inserting “; and”; and

16           (3) by adding at the end the following:

17           “(13) shall develop an adequate emergency pre-  
18       paredness and management plan.”.

19       **SEC. 4. TRANSITIONAL LIVING GRANT PROGRAM.**

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24       “by contract”; and

1           (B) by striking “services” the first place it  
 2           appears and inserting “provide, directly or indi-  
 3           rectly, services,”;

4           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “a continuous  
 5           period not to exceed 540 days, except that” and all  
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 7           uous period not to exceed 635 days, except that a  
 8           youth in a program under this part who has not  
 9           reached 18 years of age on the last day of the 635-  
 10          day period may, if otherwise qualified for the pro-  
 11          gram, remain in the program until the earlier of the  
 12          youth’s 18th birthday or the 180th day after the end  
 13          of the 635-day period;”;

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21 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH EVALUATION, DEMONSTRA-**  
 22 **TION, AND SERVICE PROJECTS.**

23          Section 343 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act  
 24          (42 U.S.C. 5714–23) is amended—

25               (1) in subsection (b)—

1           (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 2           by striking “special consideration” and inserting  
 3           “priority”;

4           (B) in paragraph (8)—

5                 (i) by striking “to health” and insert-  
 6                 ing “to quality health”;

7                 (ii) by striking “mental health care”  
 8                 and inserting “behavioral health care”; and

9                 (iii) by striking “and” at the end;

10           (C) in paragraph (9), by striking the period  
 11           at the end and inserting “, including access to  
 12           educational and workforce programs to achieve  
 13           outcomes such as decreasing high school dropout  
 14           rates, increasing rates of attaining a secondary  
 15           school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or  
 16           increasing placement and retention in postsec-  
 17           ondary education or advanced workforce train-  
 18           ing programs; and”;

19           (D) by adding at the end the following:

20                 “(10) providing programs, which shall include  
 21                 innovative programs, that assist youth in obtaining  
 22                 and maintaining safe and stable housing, and which  
 23                 may include programs with supportive services that  
 24                 continue after the youth complete the remainder of the  
 25                 programs.”; and

1           (2) *by striking subsection (c) and inserting the*  
 2     *following:*

3           “(c) *In selecting among applicants for grants under*  
 4     *subsection (a), the Secretary shall—*

5                 “(1) *give priority to applicants who have experi-*  
 6     *ence working with runaway or homeless youth in*  
 7     *high-quality programs; and*

8                 “(2) *ensure that the applicants selected—*

9                         “(A) *represent diverse geographic regions of*  
 10     *the United States; and*

11                        “(B) *carry out projects that serve diverse*  
 12     *populations of runaway or homeless youth.”.*

13     **SEC. 6. COORDINATING, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND OTHER**  
 14                 **ACTIVITIES.**

15           *Part D of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42*  
 16     *U.S.C. 5714–21 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end*  
 17     *the following:*

18     **“SEC. 345. PERIODIC ESTIMATE OF INCIDENCE AND PREVA-**  
 19                 **LENCE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

20                 “(a) *PERIODIC ESTIMATE.—Not later than 2 years*  
 21     *after the date of enactment of the Runaway and Homeless*  
 22     *Youth Protection Act, and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the*  
 23     *Secretary shall prepare, and submit to the Speaker of the*  
 24     *House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of*  
 25     *the Senate, a written report that—*

1           “(1) contains an estimate, obtained by using the  
 2           best quantitative and qualitative social science re-  
 3           search methods available, of the incidence and preva-  
 4           lence of runaway and homeless individuals who are  
 5           not less than 13 years of age but less than 26 years  
 6           of age; and

7           “(2) includes with such estimate an assessment  
 8           of the characteristics of such individuals.

9           “(b) CONTENT.—Each assessment required by sub-  
 10          section (a) shall include—

11           “(1) the results of conducting a survey of, and  
 12           direct interviews with, a representative sample of  
 13           runaway and homeless individuals who are not less  
 14           than 13 years of age but less than 26 years of age to  
 15           determine past and current—

16           “(A) socioeconomic characteristics of such  
 17           individuals; and

18           “(B) barriers to such individuals obtain-  
 19           ing—

20           “(i) safe, quality, and affordable hous-  
 21           ing;

22           “(ii) comprehensive and affordable  
 23           health insurance and health services; and

1                   “(iii) incomes, public benefits, sup-  
 2                   portive services, and connections to caring  
 3                   adults; and

4                   “(2) such other information as the Secretary de-  
 5                   termines, in consultation with States, units of local  
 6                   government, and national nongovernmental organiza-  
 7                   tions concerned with homelessness, may be useful.

8                   “(c) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—If the Secretary enters into  
 9 any agreement with a non-Federal entity for purposes of  
 10 carrying out subsection (a), such entity shall be a non-  
 11 governmental organization, or an individual, determined  
 12 by the Secretary to have appropriate expertise in quan-  
 13 titative and qualitative social science research.”.

14 **SEC. 7. SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

15                   Section 351(b) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth  
 16 Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–41(b)) is amended by inserting “pub-  
 17 lic and” after “priority to”.

18 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS CAM-**  
 19 **PAIGN.**

20                   The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
 21 5701 et seq.) is amended—

- 22                   (1) by redesignating part F as part G; and  
 23                   (2) by inserting after part E the following:

1           **“PART F—NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH**

2                           **AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

3   **“SEC. 361. NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS CAM-**  
 4                           **PAIGN.**

5           “(a) *AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.*—*The Secretary shall, di-*  
 6   *rectly or through grants or contracts, conduct a national*  
 7   *homeless youth awareness campaign (referred to in this sec-*  
 8   *tion as the ‘national awareness campaign’) in accordance*  
 9   *with this section for purposes of—*

10                   “(1) *increasing awareness of individuals of all*  
 11   *ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and geographic loca-*  
 12   *tions, of the issues facing runaway and homeless*  
 13   *youth (including youth considering running away);*  
 14   *and*

15                   “(2) *encouraging parents and guardians, edu-*  
 16   *cators, health care professionals, social service profes-*  
 17   *sionals, law enforcement officials, stakeholders, and*  
 18   *other community members to assist youth described in*  
 19   *paragraph (1) in averting or resolving runaway and*  
 20   *homeless situations.*

21           “(b) *USE OF FUNDS.*—*Funds made available to carry*  
 22   *out this part for the national awareness campaign may*  
 23   *only be used for the following:*

24                   “(1) *Dissemination of educational information*  
 25   *and materials through various media, including tele-*

1        *vision, radio, the Internet and related technologies,*  
 2        *and emerging technologies.*

3                *“(2) Evaluation of the effectiveness of the activi-*  
 4        *ties described in paragraphs (1) and (5).*

5                *“(3) Development of partnerships with national*  
 6        *organizations concerned with youth homelessness,*  
 7        *community-based youth service organizations, includ-*  
 8        *ing faith-based organizations, and government orga-*  
 9        *nizations to carry out the national awareness cam-*  
 10       *paign.*

11               *“(4) Conducting outreach activities to stake-*  
 12       *holders and potential stakeholders in the national*  
 13       *awareness campaign.*

14               *“(5) In accordance with applicable laws (includ-*  
 15       *ing regulations), development and placement in tele-*  
 16       *communications media (including the Internet and*  
 17       *related technologies, and emerging technologies) of*  
 18       *public service announcements that educate the public*  
 19       *on—*

20               *“(A) the issues facing runaway and home-*  
 21       *less youth (including youth considering running*  
 22       *away); and*

23               *“(B) the opportunities that adults have to*  
 24       *assist youth described in subparagraph (A).*

1       “(c) *PROHIBITIONS.—None of the funds made avail-*  
2 *able to carry out this part may be obligated or expended*  
3 *for any of the following:*

4               “(1) *To fund public service time that supplants*  
5 *pro bono public service time donated by national or*  
6 *local broadcasting networks, advertising agencies, or*  
7 *production companies for the national awareness*  
8 *campaign, or to fund activities that supplant pro*  
9 *bono work for the national awareness campaign.*

10              “(2) *To carry out partisan political purposes, or*  
11 *express advocacy in support of or opposition to any*  
12 *clearly identified candidate, clearly identified ballot*  
13 *initiative, or clearly identified legislative or regu-*  
14 *latory proposal.*

15              “(3) *To fund advertising that features any elect-*  
16 *ed official, person seeking elected office, cabinet level*  
17 *official, or other Federal employee employed pursuant*  
18 *to section 213.3301 or 213.3302 of title 5, Code of*  
19 *Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar*  
20 *regulation or ruling).*

21              “(4) *To fund advertising that does not contain*  
22 *a primary message intended to educate the public on*  
23 *the issues and opportunities described in subsection*  
24 *(b)(5).*

1           “(5) *To fund advertising that solicits contribu-*  
 2           *tions from both public and private sources to support*  
 3           *the national awareness campaign.*

4           “(d) *FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE ACCOUNT-*  
 5           *ABILITY.—The Secretary shall cause to be performed—*

6           “(1) *audits and examinations of records, relating*  
 7           *to the costs of the national awareness campaign, pur-*  
 8           *suant to section 304C of the Federal Property and*  
 9           *Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C.*  
 10          *254d); and*

11          “(2) *audits to determine whether the costs of the*  
 12          *national awareness campaign are allowable under*  
 13          *section 306 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 256).*

14          “(e) *REPORT.—The Secretary shall include in each re-*  
 15          *port submitted under section 382(a) a summary of informa-*  
 16          *tion about the national awareness campaign that de-*  
 17          *scribes—*

18          “(1) *the strategy of the national awareness cam-*  
 19          *paign and whether specific objectives of the campaign*  
 20          *were accomplished;*

21          “(2) *steps taken to ensure that the national*  
 22          *awareness campaign operated in an effective and effi-*  
 23          *cient manner consistent with the overall strategy and*  
 24          *focus of the national awareness campaign; and*

1           “(3) all grants or contracts entered into with a  
2           corporation, partnership, or individual working on  
3           the national awareness campaign.”.

4   **SEC. 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5           (a) *REPORTS*.—Section 382(a) of the Runaway and  
6   Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5715(a)) is amended by  
7   striking “, and E” and inserting “, E, and F”.

8           (b) *CONSOLIDATED REVIEW*.—Section 385 of the Run-  
9   away and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5731a) is amend-  
10   ed by striking “, and E” and inserting “, E, and F”.

11          (c) *EVALUATION AND INFORMATION*.—Section 386(a)  
12   of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
13   5732(a)) is amended by striking “, or E” and inserting  
14   “, E, or F”.

15   **SEC. 10. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

16          Part G of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42  
17   U.S.C. 5714a et seq.), as redesignated by section 8, is  
18   amended by inserting after section 386 the following:

19   **“SEC. 386A. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

20          “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE STAND-*  
21   *ARDS*.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
22   of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Protection Act, the  
23   Secretary shall issue rules that specify performance stand-  
24   ards for public and nonprofit private entities that receive  
25   grants under sections 311, 321, and 351.

1       “(b) *CONSULTATION.*—*The Secretary shall consult*  
 2 *with representatives of public and nonprofit private entities*  
 3 *that receive grants under this title, including statewide and*  
 4 *regional nonprofit organizations (including combinations*  
 5 *of such organizations) that receive grants under this title,*  
 6 *and national nonprofit organizations concerned with youth*  
 7 *homelessness, in developing the performance standards re-*  
 8 *quired by subsection (a).*

9       “(c) *IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE STAND-*  
 10 *ARDS.*—*The Secretary shall integrate the performance*  
 11 *standards into the processes of the Department of Health*  
 12 *and Human Services for grantmaking, monitoring, and*  
 13 *evaluation for programs under parts A, B, and E.”.*

14 **SEC. 11. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY**  
 15 **AND REPORT.**

16       (a) *STUDY.*—

17           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Comptroller General of*  
 18 *the United States shall conduct a study, including*  
 19 *making findings and recommendations, relating to*  
 20 *the processes for making grants under parts A, B, and*  
 21 *E of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42*  
 22 *U.S.C. 5711 et seq., 5714–1 et seq., 5714–41).*

23           (2) *SUBJECTS.*—*In particular, the Comptroller*  
 24 *General shall study—*

1           (A) the Secretary's written responses to and  
2           other communications with applicants who do  
3           not receive grants under part A, B, or E of such  
4           Act, to determine if the information provided in  
5           the responses and communications is conveyed  
6           clearly;

7           (B) the content of the grant applications for  
8           the grants, and of other associated documents  
9           (including grant announcements), to determine  
10          if the applications and other associated docu-  
11          ments are presented in a way that gives an ap-  
12          plicant a clear understanding of the information  
13          that the applicant must provide in each portion  
14          of an application to successfully complete it, and  
15          a clear understanding of the terminology used  
16          throughout the application and other associated  
17          documents;

18          (C) the peer review process for applications  
19          for the grants, including the selection of peer re-  
20          viewers, the oversight of the process by staff of  
21          the Department of Health and Human Services,  
22          and the extent to which such staff make funding  
23          determinations based on the comments and scores  
24          of the peer reviewers;

1           (D) the typical timeframe, and the process  
 2           and responsibilities of such staff, for responding  
 3           to applicants for the grants, and the efforts made  
 4           by such staff to communicate with the applicants  
 5           when funding decisions or funding for the grants  
 6           is delayed, such as when funding is delayed due  
 7           to funding of a program through appropriations  
 8           made under a continuing resolution; and

9           (E) the plans for implementation of, and  
 10          the implementation of, where practicable, the  
 11          technical assistance and training programs car-  
 12          ried out under section 342 of the Runaway and  
 13          Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714–22), and  
 14          the effect of such programs on the application  
 15          process for the grants.

16       (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
 17       enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall pre-  
 18       pare and submit to the Committee on Education and Labor  
 19       of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the  
 20       Judiciary of the Senate a report containing the findings  
 21       and recommendations resulting from the study.

22       **SEC. 12. DEFINITIONS.**

23       (a) *HOMELESS YOUTH*.—Section 387(3) of the Run-  
 24       away and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)) is  
 25       amended—

1           (1) *in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),*  
 2           *by striking “The” and all that follows through*  
 3           *“means” and inserting “The term ‘homeless’, used*  
 4           *with respect to a youth, means”;* and

5           (2) *in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “not less*  
 6           *than 16 years of age” and inserting “not less than 16*  
 7           *years of age and not more than 21 years of age, ex-*  
 8           *cept that nothing in this clause shall prevent a par-*  
 9           *ticipant who enters the program carried out under*  
 10           *part B prior to reaching 22 years of age from being*  
 11           *eligible for the 635-day length of stay authorized by*  
 12           *section 322(a)(2); and”.*

13           (b) *RUNAWAY YOUTH.—Section 387 of the Runaway*  
 14           *and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a) is amended—*

15           (1) *by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),*  
 16           *and (7) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), respec-*  
 17           *tively; and*

18           (2) *by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*  
 19           *lowing:*

20           “(4) *RUNAWAY YOUTH.—The term ‘runaway’,*  
 21           *used with respect to a youth, means an individual*  
 22           *who is less than 18 years of age and who absents him-*  
 23           *self or herself from home or a place of legal residence*  
 24           *without the permission of a parent or legal guard-*  
 25           *ian.”.*

1 **SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *Section 388(a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth*  
 3 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5751(a)) is amended—*

4 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

5 *(A) by striking “is authorized” and insert-*  
 6 *ing “are authorized”;*

7 *(B) by striking “part E) \$105,000,000 for*  
 8 *fiscal year 2004” and inserting “section 345 and*  
 9 *parts E and F) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year*  
 10 *2009”; and*

11 *(C) by striking “2005, 2006, 2007, and*  
 12 *2008” and inserting “2010, 2011, 2012, and*  
 13 *2013”;*

14 *(2) in paragraph (3)—*

15 *(A) by striking “In” and inserting the fol-*  
 16 *lowing:*

17 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—In”;*

18 *(B) by inserting “(other than section 345)”*  
 19 *before the period; and*

20 *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(B) PERIODIC ESTIMATE.—There are au-*  
 22 *thorized to be appropriated to carry out section*  
 23 *345 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal*  
 24 *years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.”;*

25 *(3) in paragraph (4)—*

1           (A) by striking “is authorized” and insert-  
2           ing “are authorized”; and

3           (B) by striking “such sums as may be nec-  
4           essary for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
5           and 2008” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for fiscal  
6           year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary  
7           for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013”;  
8           and

9           (4) by adding at the end the following:

10          “(5) *PART F.*—There are authorized to be appro-  
11          priated to carry out part *F* \$3,000,000 for fiscal year  
12          2009 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal  
13          years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.”.

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